(i) Products to be sold should be of a 'Single Brand' only.

(ii) Products should be sold under the same brand internationally.

(iii) 'Single Brand' product-retailing would cover only products which are branded during manufacturing.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government has so far granted 17 approvals for FDI in retail of 'Single Brand' products.

(d) Information regarding number of outlets opened is not maintained centrally.

(e) The total investment approved for retailing of 'Single Brand' products is US $3.3 million.

(f) Details of employment by the 'Single Brand' products retails outlets are not maintained centrally.

(g) Government has not received any official information in this regard although some newspaper reports suggest opposition to certain retail outlets in some parts of the country.

(h) Does not arise.

JV with Israel for developing missiles

2330. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Defence Research and Development Organisation is entering into a new joint venture with Israel to develop a new range of surface to air missiles;

(b) if so, what is the total cost of the joint venture; and

(c) what would be the total revenue earned by Government from this and how would it be spent?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir. However, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has undertaken a joint development project with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), Israel for the development of a Surface to Air Missile using it from land and ship.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Protest to anchoring of USS Nimitz

2331. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:
SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United State's nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS Nimitz anchored four nautical miles off Chennai port on July 2, 2007;